

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 23 – 33 under 35 U.S.C. 101. The Applicants have amended independent claim 23 in accordance with the Examiner's rejections. The specification has been amended to address the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection of the specification at paragraph [0082]. The Examiner stated that a number of claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the respective base claim and all intervening limitations. Accordingly, solely to expedite prosecution, all independent claims have been amended in such as way as to incorporate subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. The Applicants believe that all claims are allowable over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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